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RE: Sandy Smelters Site, Sandy, Utah

Dear Mr. Dobson:

We are writing to request your help in resolving the cleanup issues at the Sandy Smelters Site in historic Sandy. As we have stated before, Sandy City has been depending on the parties involved in the cleanup to work out a joint recommendation about the appropriate actions to take at the site. As of this summer, however, it will have been three years since EPA began its "non-time critical removal" of soils from selected homes in Sandy, and it is well past time for the agencies to have made a decision. We request that EPA begin a facilitated process as soon as possible among the stakeholders, similar to the process being used in Murray, Utah, to arrive at a consensus as to further actions at the Sandy site.

We believe that a facilitated process is the most efficient way to achieve closure on this issue. We understand that the process underway in Murray has allowed the community to make sure that its goals and policies are factored into the clean up, and will significantly shorten the time it would usually take for EPA to select a remedy. In Sandy, facilitated meetings involving EPA, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Asarco, and community representatives would serve the same purposes. We have spoken with Murray Mayor Lynn Pett about the Murray facilitated process, and he confirmed that the Murray experience has been positive. We believe that Asarco would participate in such a process in Sandy.

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We would appreciate your immediate response to this request. Sandy is prepared to meet with EPA to select a facilitator in the next two weeks, and to begin the facilitated process by the end of the month. Please contact me with your response, and Byron Jorgenson of my staff at (801) 568-7109 to make arrangements for the meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Dolan".

Tom Dolan, Mayor

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